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To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:

SIR,

I Don't believe there is any one Thing ſo familiarly talk'd of, and ſo little underſtood, as *Courage*; 'tis generally ſuppos'd to conſiſt in Raſhneſs, and is almoſt always confin'd to military Actions, as if no Man could exert a daring intrepid Spirit, but at the Hazard of his Life, or in attempting anothers: Agreeable to this Notion the Soldiers would in groſs Courage to themſelves, they believe it eſſential to their Profeſſion, and would exclude all the reſt of the World from any Share in it; unleſs they violate the publick Peace, and lay their Claim to it by Force of Arms.

That a Diſpoſition of this Kind is neceſſary in martial Affairs, I will not diſpute; but that this Diſpoſition is the true and only Courage, will admit of many Doubts: True Courage appears to me a reaſonable Reſolution to undergo any Hardſhips, and deſpiſe any Perils, that may thwart a brave Man's Way to any noble or virtuous Action: 'Tis obvious, therefore, that this Fortitude of Mind may be exerted in Peace as well as War, among Friends as well as Enemies: Difficulties and Dangers wear many various Aſpects, and he that oppoſes thoſe which fall in his Way, does his Duty in as generous and heroick a Manner, as he that marches to a Cannon's Mouth.

The Soldier only riſques his Limbs or his Life, and if he eſcapes, earns his Reward; he that encounters the Vices, Follies, and Cuſtoms of Mankind, fights with the real *Hydra*, knows no End of his Labour, and ſacrifices his Health, Eaſe, and Time, without a Proſpect of Recompence: Nay, 'tis odds if he is not perſecuted, injur'd, and defam'd for his beſt Endeavours, envy'd by ſome, hated by many, and neglected by all.

They, in particular, who make their Court to the Arts and Sciences, are to be rank'd amongſt the moſt brave and fearleſs of Mankind. The Muſes reſemble the Heroins of a Romance, both for their Beauty, and the many Difficulties that their Admirers muſt, of Neceſſity, conquer to poſſeſs them. At their firſt Appearance their Smiles are ſo alluring, and their Manner ſo enchantingly eaſy, that the young *Inamoretto* has the Vanity to believe they will reſign themſelves to his Paſſion at the firſt Aſking: The Place of their Reſidence too ſeems a very Paradiſe, and if they ſhould fly, he thinks the very Toil of the Purſuit will be its own Recompence: Thus, when he thinks himſelf within Reach, they glide away inſenſibly, and inſtead of the beautiful Scenes he expected to wander thro', he ſees himſelf incumbered with Rocks, and loſt in a Wilderneſs that affords no Proſpect of an End.

To leave the Allegory, Authors, at this Time of Day, are as much to be admir'd for their Courage, as almoſt any of the Heroes of old. In the moſt polite and underſtanding Ages of the World, ſuch Perſuits as theſe were eſteem'd the moſt arduous Undertakings, and, with all the Force of Encouragemen, Example, and a general Diſpoſition in their Favour, 'twas eſteem'd almoſt a Prodigy, if any ſingle Student arriv'd at the Top of his Profeſſion. Thus *Virgil* and *Horace* were the Admiration of the whole *Roman* People, and their Works became an Honour to their Country, and the Delight of every Age from that Time till now.

Then, 'tis true, the Great, the Rich, and Noble, combin'd in Favour of Learning, and every Genius was led along with Eaſe and Pleaſure to the End of his Wiſhes: The Cares and Anxieties of Life were not mingled with his Studies, nor caſt a Damp on his Hopes, or chequ'd his Progreſs, or mingled the Droſs of Life with the Ore of Science: He was at Leiſure to contemplate Beauty thro' the whole Circle of Nature; he had Time to regulate his Ideas, and harmonize his Knowledge: He was not impell'd by Neceſſity to hurry a crude and half-form'd Production on the Publick; but waited for the true and genuine Inſpiration, which great and noble Ideas never fail to furniſh, and cool and unbyaſs'd Judgment to perfect.

If therefore, with all theſe Advantages, Writing was an arduous Undertaking, what is it now, when ſcarce any one of them remains, and the bewilder'd Pupil is left in Darkneſs and Solitude, to grope out his Way, with Pain and Uncertainty, Difficulty and Sorrow? Moſt, if not all other Profeſſions, have ſtill their regular Seminaries, where proper Judges are appointed to diſtinguiſh the Capacity, and afterwards, by proper Inſtructions, guide it into the right Road of Maſtery and Perfection. But Writers are left to ſhift for themſelves, without a Pilot or a Landmark, without Star or Compaſs, and if they find the Shore at laſt, 'tis perhaps inhabited with Savages, that would be glad to deſtroy them. Juſtly then may we admire the Courage of thoſe who deſpiſe ſuch Difficulties and Hazards, and bravely reſolve to make their Way thro' them all.

Neither is this firſt Stage of their Expedition the only Diſcouragement they are ſure to meet with: Let us ſuppoſe that, with infinite Aſſiduity, Labour, and Pains, they have attain'd to the true Knowledge of the Science they profeſs, that they have put the laſt Hand to the inlarging their Genius, and finiſhing their Taſte: Yet, after all, how are they ſure they are not ſpeaking to the Deaf, and painting to the Blind? Or if we take it for granted, the Publick can both ſee and hear, how do we know they are at Leiſure for either? Many Times Attention ſleeps to Works of the greateſt Perfection, and then the beſt Author is mortify'd like the worſt. A Misfortune that can neither be complain'd of or avoided.——Is not this therefore another Inſtance of obſtinate Courage, that will perſevere tho' almoſt ſure of Diſappointment?

But let us now take it for granted, that the Genius of the Writer has been throughly diſcover'd, and ſincerely reliſh'd by the Reader; let us perſuade ourſelves that both he and his Work are in the higheſt Credit and Eſtimation, of what Advantage is either to him? or is he the more effectually ſecur'd from future Inconveniences? Not by the Publick we are ſure; that ſeems to act as a Step-Mother to her Children, and ſuffers them to ſtarve on their own Merits: Sometimes, indeed, a private Patronage redeems the loſt Character of the Publick, and one lucky Genius enjoys what moſt of his Brethren are deny'd. But even this too happens ſo ſeldom that 'tis no Dependance, and *Mecænaſes* are as rare as *Virgils*. Patrons now-a-days become ſo, more out of Oſtentation, than any real Love for the Arts they encourage. Hence it happens that when their Names have once or twice appear'd pompouſly in the Front of a Dedication, they think they have done their Duty, and abſolutely decline all farther Applications. Juſt, as it were, lending their Hands to lead a Genius on the Publick Stage, that he may be more conſpicuouſly miſerable. Hence it happens that many a Man of great Parts and Abilities, has been oblig'd to become the Bookſeller's Slave for a narrow precarious Subſiſtence, and drudge away all the Reputation he had taken ſo much Pains to acquire. Upon the Whole, therefore, does it appear that any Character in Life ſtands more in Need of Courage than an Author, or makes uſe of it to leſs Advantage?

For my Part, I much wonder at my own, for engaging thus publickly in a Correſpondence with you; tho' Papers of Entertainment are perhaps more neceſſary now than ever, yet they had never a worſe Chance for Succeſs. Yet, as I flatter myſelf, my Turn of Mind and Manner of Life enable me to ſend you a Hint now and then, that may at leaſt be entertaining. I have ventur'd to undertake it, in hope indeed of being as well received as any of your Brethren. The Court, the City, the Bar, the Theatre, the Preſs, and even the Church, fall frequently in my Way, and I ſhall not be ſparing of my Remarks on either. Neither do I confine my Obſervations intirely to the Objects without Doors, the Tea-Table and the Toilet, the Coffee-Houſe and Tavern, the Schools and Places of Publick Reſort, are equally under my Inſpection. In ſhort, I frequent the greateſt Variety of Company, and always find myſelf an Obſerver of Minds and Manners, almoſt mechanically, or whether I will or no. If, therefore, I have Courage enough to undertake any Share of this weighty Taſk, I expect you would ſecond me as well as you are able, and engage as many more as you can to keep me in Countenance for my Temerity, as well as to give a greater Strength and Spirit to your Entertainments.

I am, Sir, Yours, &c.

We can do no leſs than return our Thanks to the Gentleman, who has favour'd us with the three laſt Letters, and we hope he will continue to do us the Pleaſure of his Correſpondence, according to his Promiſe. In the mean Time, we take his Advice, with a great Deal of Pleaſure, in inviting the Aſſiſtance of the Learned and Ingenious, to make our Journal more uſeful and amuſing: All ſuch may be ſure that nothing will ever be publiſh'd in this Paper for the future, as may put them to the Bluſh for being ſeen in ſuch Company. Whatever may tend to the Improvement of Taſte and Politeneſs, the Regulation of Dreſs and Faſhions, or the Reformation of Manners, will always be grateful; neither ſhall the Intereſt of Learning, or the Service of Authors be forgot. Agreeable, and innocent Verſes will always be ſure of a Place; and ſuch Controverſies, as the Publick may be intereſted in, and are not offenſive to Truth, or Good-Breeding.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 4.

ON Tueſday laſt the Aſſizes ended at *Worceſter*, when twelve Priſoners were tried for ſundry Offences, three of whom received Sentence of Death, *viz. Matthew Evans*, for Horſe ſtealing; *Thomas Spencer* and *Elizabeth Langley*, for Felony and Burglary.

At the Aſſizes at *York* but one Man was condemn'd, *viz. Thomas Studdard*, for ſtealing two Silver Plates from the Lady *Elizabeth Haſtings* at *Ledſtone*.

Yeſterday the Body of a Child, not quite at its full growth, was taken out of *Fleet-Ditch*, with its Belly and Thighs ſo much eat off, that it was impoſſible to diſtinguiſh its Sex.

On Thurſday *William Lamb*, of *Black-Boy-Alley* in *Turnball-ſtreet* near *Smithfield*, and a Runner to ſeveral of the Undertakers, came home late at Night, and having Words with his Wife, he beat her in ſuch a barbarous Manner, that ſhe died Yeſterday.

They write from *Almeida*, a Frontier Town in *Portugal*, ſituate upon the Borders of the Kingdom of *Leon* in *Spain*, That in the Night between the 6 h and 7th of laſt Month, ſo terrible a Storm of Thunder and Lightning happen'd there as had never been ſeen before by any Perſons then living. The Claps of Thunder broke juſt over their Heads, and emitted the Lightning perpendicularly upon them in ſuch Flaſhes, that it ſeemed one continued Shower. The Town was ſet on Fire in ſeveral Places, but the Inhabitants had the good Fortune to ſtop its ſpreading. Their Vigilance upon that Occaſion was inexpreſſible. Their greateſt Fear was for the Powder Magazine, in which at that Time were no leſs than 2500 Barrels of Gunpowder; the Magazine was indeed Bomb-Proof, but as nothing can be Fence againſt the ſubtle Effects of Lightning, they deſpair'd of a Moment's Life when they obſerv'd a Flaſh fiercer than the reſt dart directly upon it; but the ſame going aſlant through the Arch, reach'd none of the Barrels. It entered a neighbouring Chapel dedicated to St. *Francis*, and ſhiver'd the miraculous Image of that Saint to Pieces; it beat down the Crucifix, carry'd away Part of the Altar, melted the Lamp, drove the great Door into Splinters, and then inhum'd itſelf in the Area of the ſaid Chapel, with a Noiſe reſembling that of the burſting of Cannon.

Commitment. On Tueſday Night laſt about Nine o'Clock, a Street-Robber attacked a Gentleman in *Great Ruſſel-ſtreet*, and robbed him of about 9 s. but an Outcry of *Stop Thief* being made, the Rogue was knocked down by a Chairman, taken, and committed to *Newgate*.

Deaths. This Morning about One o'Clock died ſuddenly, at his Houſe at the *Crown-Tavern* at *Cripplegate*, Major *Seth Adams*, Major of the White Regiment of Trained Bands of this City, commanded by Sir *John Eyles*, Bart.

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he was obſerved to be very chearful the whole Evening, and in ſeveral Companies, as uſual, and ſeemingly not under any Diſorder till the Time he was ſtruck with Death: He died a Batchelor, and left a very conſiderable Eſtate.—On Thurſday laſt died the Lady *Harriot Talmaſh*, ſecond Daughter to the Right Hon. the Earl of *Dyſert*.

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 30

On Saturday laſt a Wager of fifty Guineas was run for, from *Blackmore ſtreet*, to *Croydon*, between Mr. *Horſley*'s Horſe *White Stockings*, and Mr. *Downs*'s Mare, which was won by the latter, *White-Stockings* being taken lame at *Streatham*, ſo went no farther.

The ſame Day Mr. *Hankell*, a young Gentleman lately arrived from *Guinea*, was flung from his Horſe on *Hackney Marſh*, and bruiſed in ſo violent a Manner, that he died on Sunday Morning.

There has been a Toll-Gate erected in the Paſſage leading from *Coleman-ſtreet* to *Baſinghall-ſtreet*, near three Years, which has been a great Obſtruction to Perſons paſſing that Way; but the ſaid Obſtruction is now removed by Mr. *Lloyd*, a Diſtiller in *Coleman-ſtreet*, who has made another Paſſage through ſome Houſes, which he has lately purchaſed in the Court where the Toll-Gate is, ſo that all Perſons may now paſs that Way *Gratis*.

On Saturday the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of the Woman that was kill'd by her Huſband on Thurſday Night laſt in *Black-Boy-Alley*, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

A Decree of the Prerogative Court of the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* was poſted up in the *Royal-Exchange* on Saturday, ſignifying, that as no Will or Teſtament of the late Earl of *Sutherland*, deceas'd, is to be found, *Jane* Lady *Mackland*, Widow, and *Helen* Lady *Sutherland*, his Children, who are living, but in remote Parts of *Scotland*, are cited to appear at *Doctors-Commons* on Friday the 7th of *September*, to produce, or cauſe to be produced, any Will of the ſaid Earl, by which they may be appointed Executrix or Executrixes, and to take upon them the Executrixſhip, or ſhew Cauſe why *William* Earl of *Sutherland*, Grandſon of the Deceaſed, ſhall not take out Letters of Adminiſtration, to enjoy the Eſtate, Effects, Goods, *&c.* of the ſaid Earl.

Robbery. On Saturday Night *William Fleetwood*, of *Guilford*, Eſq; was robbed in *Hyde-Park* by four Footpads, who took from him ſeven Guineas, and 12 Shillings in Silver.

Preferment. On Friday laſt at a Board of Admiralty their Lordſhips were pleaſed to appoint Mr. *Creſpigny*, a Proctor in *Doctors-Commons*, to be Marſhal of the High Court of Admiralty, in the room of *John Cheeke*, Eſq, deceaſed.

Deaths. Laſt Saturday died at *Brentwood* in *Eſſex*, *Thomas Whitſte'd*, Eſq;——The ſame Day died at St. *Alban's*, Mrs. *Jane Killigrew*, Daughter of the late Admiral *Killigrew*, a Maiden Gentlewoman, ſaid to have died worth 20,000 l.——One Day laſt Week died Capt. *George Gerrard*, of the White Regiment of Trained Bands of this City.—— On Friday laſt died, at his Houſe at *Kenſington Gravel Pits*, ——— *Colebatch*, Eſq; Senior Sealer of the High Court of Chancery.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 7.

We have an Account from *Hereford*, that about nine Months ſince a barbarous Murder and Robbery was committed at *Tratire*, near *Roſs* in that County, upon the Body of one Mr. *Andrew Roading*, a *Scotchman*, who was inhumanly cut in Pieces, and buried in a Garden; the Authors of which (two Men and a Woman) were not diſcover'd till the 20th of laſt Month, but are all three now committed to *Hereford* Jail, upon evident Proof of their being the Aſſaſſins. Two of thoſe Wretches are a Smith and his Wife, at whoſe Houſe it ſeems Mr. *Roading* lodg'd; and the Riſe of this Diſcovery, was by ſome Neighbours ſeeing ſome fine Linnen, *&c.* hang up in the Smith's Garden, which occaſion'd a Suſpicion, and Information was given thereof to a Juſtice of the Peace, who granted his Warrant for their being apprehended. On their Examination they could not give any Account where they had bought the Linnen, Cheque, Handkerchiefs, *&c.* uſually ſold by *Scotchmen* in their Packs (Mr. *Roading* being a Dealer in that Method) It was obſerv'd by an Iron-Merchant in that Neighbourhood, that the Smith, inſtead of buying a ſmall Weight as uſual, had lately advanced to a conſiderable Quantity: And one Mr. *Winſmore*, a large Dealer at *Briſtol* Fair, has view'd ſome of the Cheque, and has declar'd he ſold the ſame to the ſaid Mr. *Roading*, who had the Repute of an honeſt Dealer. His mangled Body the Smith removed from his Garden, upon the Neighbours making the firſt Stir about the Linnen, to a Marſh or Moraſs ſome Diſtance off, where it wasfound, after diligent Search the 26th or 27th of *July* laſt paſt, with the Head off, Skull ſplit, and Limbs cut aſunder. The Smith's Wife has confeſs'd the Fact in ſuch Terms, together with other material Circumſtances, as render it beyond all Doubt, their being the cruel Authors of this horrid Scene. Great Inquiry has been made after the Deceas'd by his Dealers and others, but no Account could be learnt till the above Perſons were taken up.

On Sunday Night laſt one *Lay*, an Apprentice to Mr. *Silsthorpe*, a Diſtiller in *Fleet-ſtreet*, threw himſelf out of a Window, and was kill'd on the Spot.

They write from *Kirby Moorſide* in the *North-Riding* of *Yorkſhire*, *July* 27. That on the Sunday before happened ſuch terrible Thunder and Lightning as has not been known for many Years. At *Ribbis*, a Village adjacent, the following remarkable Accident happened: The Lightning entered the Houſe of one Mr. *Tod*, a Farmer, tore down the Chimney and all the Cieling, killed the Maſter and his Man; the former continued upright in his Chair, and the other fell on his Face, and being at Dinner, the Handle of the Kniſe ſplit in the Man's Hand, Part of the Blade melted, and continued ſo hot for ſome Time as not to be touched. Another Man and Woman ſitting at the Table, were both ſtruck lame and ſpeechleſs, but notwithſtanding the aforeſaid Damages done, the Houſe was not ſet on Fire.

They write from *Wells*, that on the 2d Inſtant, came on at that Place, before the Lord Chief Baron, the Trial of *Charles Jones*, on an Indictment for the Murder of Mr *Price* at the *Bath*, in a Duel ſome Time ago. When ſeveral Gentlemen of unexceptionable Reputation giving him a good Character of a very peaceable and inoffenſive Perſon, and other Circumſtances likewiſe appearing in his Favour, he was acquitted, the Jury not going from the Bar. The Trial laſted five Hours.

Laſt Night about Six o'Clock, a Grenadier of the Foot-Guards being with his Wife by the Canal in St. *James's-Park*, ſome high Words aroſe, inſomuch that he took her up in his Arms, and threw her into the Canal, but ſome Perſons being nigh at Hand, ſhe was taken out, but very near ſpent; he was committed to the *Savoy*.

The Duke of *Bolton* is removed from all his Employments.

On Sunday Morning, between One and Two o'Clock, a Fire broke out at a Chandler's Shop next Door to the *Sun-Tavern* in St. *Clement's-Lane*, which conſumed the ſaid Houſe, and damaged two others adjoining; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of the Firemen was happily extinguiſhed without doing farther Damage.

Yeſterday one *Charles Summerton*, a Rigger of Ships, with two others of the ſame Profeſſion, fell from the Top of the Main Maſt of a Ship in *Shadwell Dock*, *Summerton* was drowned, and the other two, falling upon the Deck of the Ship, were ſo much bruiſed, that their Lives are in great Danger.

Lewes, *Auguſt* 4. This Day our Horſe-Races ended; at which a large Number of Gentlemen in the County Intereſt were preſent: There was a Meeting of 52 of them at the *Star*, all Men of Figure, Intereſt, and Eſtate in this County, who unanimouſly deſired *John Fuller*, Eſq; to appear as a Candidate to repreſent them in the enſuing Parliament; a Gentleman whoſe Abilities and Integrity they before experienced, when he ſerved for this County. It was an inexpreſſible Pleaſure to all who have in earneſt the Proſperity of their Country at Heart, to ſee ſo many Gentlemen (laying aſide all former Diſtinctions) ſtrongly united in declaring their Abhorrence of the Exciſe Scheme, and their Reſolutions, to the utmoſt of their Power, to oppoſe thoſe who appeared for it. In Purſuance of which Agreement, all preſent heartily engaged to ſupport the Intereſt of Mr. *Fagg* at *Steyning*, of Mr. *Webſter* at *Haſtings*, of Mr. *Yates* at *Chicheſter*, and of Mr. *Sergiſon* and Mr. *Garland* at this Borough. The Zeal which was diſcover'd upon this Occaſion, and which even exceeded the warmeſt of our Wiſhes, will, we hope, encourage Gentlemen to exert themſelves for the Service of their Country in other Places.

Norwich, *Auguſt* 4. The Aſſizes for the City and County of *Norwich* ended on Wedneſday laſt, when one *Peter Knights* for robbing his Maſter, and *Elizabeth Robertſon* for ſtealing Cloaths from the *Black-Swan-Inn*, were both ſentenced to be tranſported; and one *Halfknights* was burnt in the Hand for ſtealing of Geeſe.

Yeſterday the Aſſizes ended upon the Hill for the County of *Norfolk*, when only *William Lakey* and *Mary Shepherdſon* were ſentenced to be tranſported for Felony: So that this has proved a Maiden Aſſizes, both for *Norwich* and *Norfolk*. The five Men committed on Suſpicion of being Smugglers, were diſcharged for want of Proſecution.

Commitment. Yeſterday *John Pardington*, a Smuggler, for the apprehending of whom a Reward of 100 l. was offer'd ſome Years ago by his Majeſty in the *Gazette*, being ſuſpected of ſhooting a *Cuſtom-houſe* Officer, was taken at *Newington* in *Surrey* by ſeveral *Cuſtom-houſe* Officers, and by a File of Muſqueteers carried before Sir *John Lade*, who committed him to the County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 8.

Her Majeſty having been pleas'd to make a Preſent to Mr. *Fenn*, of *Berkhamſtead* in *Hertfordſhire*, of *Peter* the Wild Youth, who was taken in the Woods in *Germany*, and ſent over to the late King; we hear that Mr. *Fenn* intends to make a Shew of him to the Publick, and that his firſt Appearance that Way will be at *Oxford*.

Extract of a Letter from Cadiz, *dated* Auguſt 3. N. S.

His moſt *Catholick* Majeſty is fitting out a conſiderable Fleet, with two Bomb-Catches; the Armada is ready to ſail, and waits only for Orders; 'tis thought they are to go to bombard *Algiers*, others imagine againſt the Iſland of *Sardinia*. The new *Spaniſh Eaſt India* Company, erected at *Cadiz* by his moſt *Catholick* Majeſty, goes on vigorouſly; there are 2000 Actions ſubſcrib'd to, each Action 1000 Dollars, which is half their Fund, and 'tis thought by the Arrival of the *Fleta* their Fund will be compleated, which is four Millions of Pieces of Eight: The Company have fix'd upon their Voyages, and intend to ſend out three Ships this Year, one to *China*, another to the Coaſt of *Malabar* and *Chormondel*, and the third to *Bengal*, *Manilla* and *Canton*: The King has the Intereſt of this Company much at Heart, but more particularly the Prince and Princeſs of *Aſturias*. His Majeſty charges the Company to have no Regard to any Recommendation of his Miniſters, but to employ Men of Integrity and Experience.

Preferments. The King has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace the Duke of *Argyll*, to be Colonel of his Majeſty's own Royal Regiment of Horſe-Guards, lately commanded by his Grace the Duke of *Bolton*.——The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Lord *Cathcart*, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Horſe in *Ireland*, lately comanded by Sir *Robert Rich*, Bart.——The King has likewiſe been pleaſed to appoint Sir *Adolphus Oughton*, Bart. one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the City of *Coventry*, to be Col. of the Regiment of Dragoons, whereof the ſaid Lord *Cathcart* was late Col.——The King has been likewiſe pleaſed to make the following Promotions, *viz.* *John Robinſon*, Eſq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel to the ſecond Regiment of Foot-Guards, in the room of Sir *Adolphus Oughton*.——*John Folliott*, Eſq; to be firſt Major of the ſaid Regiment.——And *Henry Pulteney*, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives for *Heydon* in *Yorkſhire*, to be ſecond Major of the ſaid Regiment.

Bankrupts. *John Bound*, late of *Ringwood*, in the County of *Southampton*, Tanner.——*William Bland*, of St. *Botolph*, *Aldgate*, in the City of *London*, Colour-Seller.——*Stanclift Parkins*, of the Pariſh of *Chriſt-Church*, in the County of *Surrey*, Carpenter.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 9.

On Tueſday laſt Prince *Anthony Eſterhaſy*, lately arrived here, and another *German* Nobleman, a Relation to the Elector of *Mentz*, were admitted Free and Accepted Maſons, at the *French* Lodge, held the firſt and third Tueſdays of every Month, at the Duke of *Lorrain*'s Head in *Suffolk-ſtreet*.

Yeſterday the Juſtices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, met at *Weſtminſter-Hall*, purſuant to their laſt Adjournment, when ſeveral Perſons appeared on their Recognizances, and ſome were diſcharg'd and others continued; after which the Court adjourn'd further to the 21ſt of *September* next.

Yeſterday a Court of Directors was held of the *Eaſt-India* Company, when the Ships taken up for their Service this Year were ſtation'd, *viz.* the ——, Capt. *Hudſon*, and the *Harriſon*, Capt. *Martin*, for *China*; the ——, Capt. *Maſſey*, and the *Middlejex*, Capt. *Pelley*, for *Bombay*; the *Princeſs Louiſa*, Capt. *Pinnell*, for *Mocha*; the *Hertford*, Capt. *Bagwell*, for *Madagaſcar*, *Bencolen*, and *Fort St. George*; the *Lyell*, Capt. *Small*, for St. *Helena* and *Bencolen*; the *Montagu*, Capt. *Goſfright*, and the *Princeſs Royal*, Capt. *Backwell*, for *Bengal*; the ——, Capt. *Gilbert*, and the *Ockham*, Capt. *Jobſon*, for *Madeira*, *Fort St. George*, and *Bengal*; the *George*, Capt. *Pit*, and the *Drake*, Capt. *Houghton*, for *Madraſs* and *Bengal*.

Robbery. Laſt Monday Morning about Eleven o'Clock, a ſingle Highwayman, well mounted on a bay Horſe, with a Piece of black Crape ty'd over his Face, robb'd two Coaches a little of this Side *Uxbridge*, and took from the Paſſengers about 12 l. in Money, and other Things of Value.

Commitment. On Tueſday Night laſt a young Man, ſaid to be a Butcher in *Newgate-Market*, was taken up at *Tottenham-Court-Fair*, being charged with robbing a Lace-Woman at *Hamſtead-Fair*, by breaking open her Stall, and ſtealing Lace to the Value of 150 l. and being carried before a Magiſtrate Yeſterday, was by him committed to *Newgate*. 'Tis ſaid he was a Companion of one *Tipping*, who ſome Time ſince was executed at *Tyburn*.

Marriages. On Sunday laſt *John Smithſon*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Bentley*, Daughter of Mr. *Bentley*, of

Putney, an agreeable young Lady, with a Fortune of 5000 l.——The ſame Day Mr. *Timothy Worſley*, an eminent Hop-Merchant in *Southwark*, was married to Mrs. *Mary Blind*, Daughter of *Thomas Blind*, Eſq; of *Southampton-ſtreet*, *Bloomſbury*, a young Lady of 4000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Tueſday laſt died, at *Richmond* in *Surrey*, *Samuel Joel*, Eſq; ——A few Days ſince died *Henry Henley* of *Leigh*, in the County of *Somerſet*, Eſq;——On Tueſday Night died Sir *Colbury Noel*, Bart. Knight of the Shire for the County of *Leiceſter*.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 10.

On Saturday Night laſt a Fire happened in a Chandler's-Shop in St. *Clement's-Lane* The Maſter of the Shop, one *Peter Black*, immediately abſconded. His Wife came the next Day to make Oath before *James Moore Smythe*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, that her Huſband came into her Room between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve, when ſhe was in Bed, opened a Drawer, and took out a *South Sea* Bond of 40 l. and 3 l. 3 s. and ſome other Things of Value, and came three Times afterwards ſoftly into the ſaid Room, to ſee if ſhe was waking; then took the Candle, and went out of the Houſe, after having firſt locked the Shop and Street-Door. The Houſe was on Fire ten Minutes after his going out, and her Life was ſaved (which he had threaten'd that Day, and frequently before) by the good Fortune of a Lodger in the Houſe having a Key to the Street-Door. Upon a Warrant granted by the aforeſaid Juſtice, diligent Search was made after him, till an Information came Yeſterday that he had taken a Lodging in *Kent-ſtreet*; and on Wedneſday, about Five in the Afternoon, he went into his Bed-Chamber, and there ſhot himſelf through the Head, and immediately expired. It is ſuppoſed that he ſet Fire to ſome Shavings in the Shop.

We hear from *Margate* in *Kent*, that on Sunday laſt, about Two in the Afternoon, Mr. *Braſier's* Barn, at *Street*, near that Place, was ſet on Fire by Lightning, which burnt the ſame, and a Lodge adjoining, with a large Quantity of Corn, Harrows, Plows, &c.

On Wedneſday Night laſt the new-born Daughter of the Right Hon. *Horatio Walpole*, Eſq; was baptized at his Houſe at *Whiteball*, by the Name of *Anne*, when the Right Hon. the Lord *Harrington*, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, ſtood Godfather, and the Lady *Anne Lumley*, and the Lady of Sir *Robert Walpole*, Godmothers.

Yeſterday Morning five Companies of Grenadiers attended the Corpſe of Major *Seth Adams*, from the *Crown Tavern*, *Cripplegate*, to the Upper-End of *New Bond-ſtreet*, and there, being drawn up, they took their Leave, and ſaluted him with three Vollies. The Corpſe, being followed by ſeveral Mourning-Coaches, proceeded for *Staunmore* in *Middleſex*, in order to be interred there.

On Tueſday Night laſt the Wind blowing very hard, a Boat was over-ſet in *Chelſea-Reach*; by which Accident one Man was drowned, and the reſt ſaved themſelves by Swimming, till Aſſiſtance came.

On Wedneſday laſt two young Men went out a Shooting near *Newington-Butts* in *Surrey*, one of whom was the Son of Mr. *Skinner*, a wealthy Farmer, who was unfortunately ſhot dead on the Spot by the other Perſon's getting through a Hedge with his Piece cock'd, the Buſhes catching hold of the Trigger.

Robberies. Late on Wedneſday Night laſt the Compting Houſe of Mr. *Broadhead*, a noted Brewer over-againſt St. *Giles's* Church, was broke open, and 60 l. taken out of one of the Drawers: There were in another Drawer, juſt by, upwards of 300 Guineas, but being diſcovered by one Mr. *Daniel*, an Aſſiſtant Officer of Exciſe, then on Duty, they made off with what they had.——On Monday Night laſt Mr. *Lintford*, a Brewer of *Chelſea*, was robb'd by two Foot-pads in the five Fields between *Weſtminſter* and *Chelſea*, of his Watch and Money to a conſiderable Value.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleas'd to raiſe the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Percival*, a Peer of *Ireland*, to the Dignity of an Earl of the ſame Kingdom, by the Name, Stile, and Title of Earl of *Eggmon*. Yeſterday Mr. *Sharpe*, an eminent Surgeon in *Fe church ſtreet*, was choſen Surgeon of *Guy's-Hoſpital*, in the room of Mr. *Baker*, deceas'd.—— His Grace the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* has preſented the Rev. Mr *John Frances*, M. A. Head Maſter of the King's School in *Canterbury*, to the Rectory of *Harb'edown* in that Dioceſe, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *D'Evereux*, the late Incumbent——His Grace has been likewiſe pleaſed to preſent the Rev. Mr. *Charles Norris*, L. L. B. Rector of *Goodneſton*, to the Vicarage of *Brabourn*, and to the perpetual Curacy of *Nackington*, both alſo in the ſaid Dioceſe, the former vacant by the Reſignation of the Rev. Mr. *Frances*, and the latter by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *D'Evereux*.

Deaths. On Friday laſt died, at her Houſe at *Hamſtead*, in the 104th Year of her Age, Mrs. *Harriſon*, Grandmother of *John Greenwood*, Eſq; of *Great Ruſſel-ſtreet*, *Bloomſbury*.——On Wedneſday laſt died, at *Reading* in *Berkſhire*, *Thomas Powell*, Eſq;——Yeſterday died, at his Houſe in *Aldermanbury*, *Samuel Newton*, Eſq;

FOREIGN PORTS.

Alicant, *July* 29. On the 23d *arrived* the Owner's Good-will, Barker, from *Liſbon*, and *ſailed* for *Nice*; on the 26th the James and Suſannah, Skeine, from *Oran*; and on the 27th the Charming Philly, Colbatch, from *Gibraltar*, and *ſailed* for *Mahon*.

Malaga, *July* 28. *Arrived* this Week the Woodbridge, Buſh, from *Figueira*; Silva, Mac Combe, *Cagliari*; Vere, Horn, *Hamburgh*. *Sailed* the Lovely Mary, *Carrol*, for *Oſtend*; Two Friends, Gregory, *Almeria*; Sea-flower, Wilſon, from *Trappani* for *Cork*.

Barcelona, *Aug.* 2. *Arrived* this Week the Preſton, Hallam; and the Phœnix, Joad, both from *London*.

HOME PORTS.

Biddeford, *Aug.* 5. *Arrived* the Faulcon, Marſh, from *Virginia*.

Plymouth, *Aug.* 5. *Arrived* the Londonderry, Kilpatrick, from *Stockholm*.

Cowes, *Aug.* 6. *Arrived* the Wando, Cartmell, from *Cartmell*.

Weymouth, *Aug.* 6. *Came* to an Anchor in *Portland-Road*, the Defiance, Brabant, from *London* for *Briſtol*; Seven Siſters, Winter, from *London* for *Bourdeaux*; Hannibal, Townſend, for *Cadiz*; Betty, Legard, for *Liſbon*; Sarah and Elizabeth, ——, from *Dantzick* for *Briſtol*; John and Elizabeth, for *Bridgewater* from *Koningsburgh*; Neptune, Peppercorn, for *Figueira*; the Friendſhip, Topſham, from *Norway*.

Pool, *Aug.* 6. *Arrived* the Hopewell, Wiſe, from *Newfoundland*.

Deal, *Aug.* 8 *Sailed* the Weſtmoreland, Shanks, for *Legborn*; Elizabeth and Anne, Hurt, for *Madeira* and *Barbary*. *Came in* the Loweſtoff Man of War, from the Eaſtward, and *remains*. *Arrived* the Mahitabel, Henderſon, from St. *Chriſtopher's*; Tring, Dumello, *Oporto*; Barbadoes-Factor, Fell, *Barbadoes*.

Gravejend, *Aug.* 8. *Arrived* the Hopewell, Ferguſon, from *Oporto*; the —— Increaſe, Stafford, *Stettin*; Society, Redwood, *Malaga*; Three Siſters, Grindall, *Maryland*; Abraham, Lawſon, *South Barbary*; Robert, Pallifter, *Barbadoes*; Liberty and Property, Meake, *Norway*; Weſt, Brown, *Calais*.

Gravejend, *Aug.* 9. *Arrived* the Dove, Daviſon, from *Liſbon*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, *Auguſt* 11. N. S.

OUR laſt Letters from *Vienna* adviſe, that a new Treaty between the Emperor and the Elector of *Saxony* was ſigned the 15th ult. and that by this Treaty his Electoral Highneſs guaranties the *Pragmatick Sanction*. In Return, his Imperial Majeſty waves his Pretenſions to the three Biſhopricks of *Naumburg*, *Merſpurg*, and *Meiſſen*; and conſents they ſhall remain for ever annexed to the Houſe of *Saxony*. The Number of Troops ſtipulated for the mutual Guaranty, is 12.000 Men for the Emperor, and 6000 for the Elector of *Saxony*; with a Reſerve of Augmentation to any Number that ſhall be thought requiſite. His Imperial Majeſty (if we are rightly informed) promiſes to aſſiſt his Electoral Highneſs to mount the Throne of *Poland*; and the Elector ſtipulates for a grateful Return, provided he be King. For the reſt, we are told the *Muſcowites* and about 18,000 *Saxons* will certainly enter the Kingdom of *Poland*; but that it is doubtful whether the *Imperialiſts* will join them, becauſe *France* may have no Pretence to attack the Emperor.

All our Accounts from *Bruſſels* agree, that both Court and Country had been under the moſt terrible Conſternation, upon the Report that *Luxemburg* was inveſted; which was anticipated, not to ſay groundleſs, the *French* not having yet formed an Army on that Side. Mean while, the Count *de Neuperg*, Governor of the Place, is greatly commended for his Vigilance; and having received Accounts, from his Spies in the Frontier-Towns, of the Extraordinary Motions of the *French* in the Neighbourhood of *Metz* and *Thionville*, has ſent to *Bruſſels* for freſh Supplies of Money, Proviſions and Ammunition, notwithſtanding the Rumours that have been ſpread, that that Fortreſs was well furniſhed with all Neceſſaries for a Year. Several Pieces of Cannon have accordingly been ſent to *Luxemburg* from thence; and they are actually finding out Ways and Means of ſupplying the Count with Money. Juſt now we are told, he has ordered the Farmers who live round that Place, to get in their Corn without Loſs of Time; which ſhews that he expects to be beſieged.

It is written from *Switzerland*, that the Emperor had demanded Leave of the Helvetick Body to raiſe two Regiments, namely one in the *Proteſtant*, and the other in the *Popiſh* Cantons; but that it was queſtioned whether he would ſucceed, becauſe *Zurick* has openly declared againſt granting his *Imperial* Majeſty any more Troops. The *Griſſons* have, however, granted him a Regiment. Theſe Men are deſigned to march into Garriſon at *Friburg* and *Briſac*, which Places are not very well provided, but want many Things for a ſtout Reſiſtance. The *Imperial* Miniſters have the Mortification to ſee that *France* has at preſent a greater Influence than they in *Switzerland*. The *Louis-d'ors* fly about, and the Marquis *de Bonac* is no drowſy Miniſter, when the Intereſts of the King his Maſter are at Stake.

We are aſſured, that the Prince of *Orange* has fixed his Departure for *London*, to the 1ſt of September next.

Our laſt Private Letters from *Peterſburg* adviſe, that as the Poſt was coming away, an Expreſs arrived there from the Prince of *Heſſe-Homburg*, who commands the *Ruſſian* Troops upon the Frontiers of *Perſia*, with Advice that a numerous Army of *Tartars*, marching for *Perſia* by Virtue of a Summons from the Grand Signior, to make a Diverſion, and being arrived upon the Borders of *Muſcovy*, the ſaid Prince ſent a Meſſage to the Chief of the *Tartars*, to aſk him, Whether he had Permiſſion from the Emperor his Sovereign to paſs through her Dominions with an Army? To which the ſaid Chief anſwered, that he had no Need of any Permiſſion, and purſued his March with his Army; but arriving near a Poſt wherein there was a *Ruſſian* Garriſon, the *Muſcovites* oppoſed his Paſſage, whereupon a Battle enſued between the *Ruſſian* Garriſon and the Army of *Tartars*, which the Prince of *Homburg* hearing, he marched to the Aſſiſtance of the Garriſon with his Army and eight Pieces of Cannon, and after a bloody Fight and a vigorous Reſiſtance on both Sides, the *Tartars* were defeated and obliged to return home.

Warſaw, *July* 30. The King of *Pruſſia's* Miniſters have renew'd their Conferences with the Commiſſaries of the Republick. They talk as if the Primate has propoſed an Expedient to the Senate, to heal up the Affront put upon the *Saxon* Miniſters. The Marqueſs *de Monti* has lately received two pretty large Cheſts full of Gold from *Paris*, by the Way of *Dantzick*. *M. Sapieha*, Palatine of *Podlachia*, has preſent'd his Complaint to the Primate, by the Marſhal of the Crown and Palatine *Belſki*, of ſome Expreſſions made uſe of by his Serene Highneſs, in his Prejudice: To which the Primate anſwer'd, He never thought once upon the Matter. Prince *Czartoriſki* is cauſing his moſt valuable Effects to be removed from his Palace at *Villa Nova*, to *Dantzick*: Other Perſons of Diſtinction are ſecuring their beſt Moveables in like Manner. They give out that Count *Wetjeck*, *Imperial* Miniſter, has another Manifeſto to communicate to the Primate and Senate, wherein his Excellency proteſts againſt the Confederacy and Oath required thereby, and propoſes a Petition to the Pope for a Diſpenſation from it. Every Day adds to the Apprehenſions we have of a ſpeedy Rupture.

Venice, *Aug.* 1. Some Letters from *Conſtantinople* ſay, that the Grand Seignior has ſent a freſh Supply of Troops, Ships, and Ammunition, to the *Algerines*. We learn from *Zante*, that the Merchant Convoy, to the Number of ten Ships, was arrived there from the Scales of the *Levant*, under the Guard of four Men of War; ſo that we daily expect them in this Port.

Schaffhauſen, *Aug* 5 The Emperor has ſent Orders to his Miniſter in *Switzerland* to renew his Negotiations with it begun by the late Abbot of St. *Blaiſe*, in order for the Renewal of the Hereditary Alliance between the Houſe of *Auſtria* and *Helvetick* Body, and has determined to demand of the ſaid Cantons Leave to raiſe two Regiments upon very advantageous Conditions, one to be ſupply'd by the *Catholick*, the other by the *Proteſtant* Cantons.

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